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SUBJECT: DATA ON FIRMS ENGAGED IN WHALING

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- 1. SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE NAMES OF COMPANIES ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL WHALING IN COUNTRIES OF ACTION ADDRESSEES. SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO REQUESTS DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKE TO DETERMINE TOTAL VALUE, IN MOST RECENT YEAR DATA AVAILABLE, OF ALL EXPORTS OF THESE FIRMS AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES TO THE U.S. AND VALUE OF ALL GOODS EXPORTED BY SAME FIRMS FROM U.S., BROKEN DOWN WHENEVER POSSIBLE BY MAJOR PRODUCT CATEGORY (E.G. FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS, MACHINERY, ETC).
- 2. FYI--SUBCOMMITTEE REQUEST IS IN CONNECTION WITH CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 448 WHICH, IF APPROVED, WOULD EMBARGO ALL PRODUCTS OF COMPANIES ENGAGED IN WHALING AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES FROM ENTRY INTO U.S. DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED AGAINST BILL ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD BE ILLOGICAL FOR U.S. TO APPLY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST COUNTRIES CONDUCTING WHALING OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH

RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION, THAT IT WOULD WEAKEN POSITION OF USG WHICH IS SEEKING TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION AND TO OBTAIN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON WHALING, THAT PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS OF THOSE FIRMS COULD HAVE SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON U.S. ECONOMY SINCE FIRMS ALSO BUY FROM U.S., AND THAT PROPOSED ACTION WOULD BE CONTRARY TO U.S. INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBLIGATIONS RESULTING IN COMPENSATION OR RETALIATION. THERE ARE ALSO TWO BILLS (H.R. 80 AND H.R. 607) AND ONE JOINT RESOLUTION (HJR 32) BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WOULD EXTEND SECTION 8 OF FISHERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967 TO ALLOW PRESIDENT TO RESTRICT IMPORTATION OF ANY PRODUCT, NOT JUST FISHERIES PRODUCTS, FROM COUNTRIES WHICH CONDUCT FISHING OPERATIONS IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD DIMINISH EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO WHICH U.S. IS A PARTY. DEPARTMENT OPPOSED ENACTMENT OF ALL THESE BILLS--END FYI.

3. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DIFFICULTIES THAT WILL BE

ENCOUNTERED IN GATHERING DATA IN SOME CASES. EMBASSIES NEED NOT REPORT NAMES OF SMALL COASTAL WHALING OPERATIONS OR STATIONS NOT ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. HOWEVER, ESTIMATES OF NUMBERS OF SUCH OPERATIONS AND TOTAL ANNUAL HARVEST OF WHALES WOULD BE USEFUL TO SUBCOMMITTEE. WHERE SPECIFIC DATA CANNOT BE OBTAINED, PARTIAL INFORMATION OR ESTIMATES WILL STILL BE HELPFUL PROVIDED SOURCES ARE CITED. EMBASSIES SHOULD USE OWN DISCRETION IN DECIDING BEST METHOD OF GATHERING DATA. HOWEVER, SOURCES MUST BE GIVEN.

- 4. FOR TOKYO: DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL (B). HOWEVER, SUBCOMMITTEE NOW REQUESTS SUPPLEMENTAL DATA ON TOTAL VALUE ALL IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF WHALING FIRMS AND THEIR SUBSIDIARIES BROKEN DOWN BY MAJOR PRODUCT CATEGORY. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN NAKATSU/BROUILLARD LETTER DATED JUNE 26.
- 5. FOR PEKING AND HONG KONG: REQUEST REFERS TO PRC ONLY. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FROM USDOC THAT PRC MAY BE ENGAGING IN SOME COMMERCIAL WHALING. REALIZE THERE MAY NOT BE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS AT POSTS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT YOU CAN MAKE.
- 6. REQUEST ADDRESSEES PROVIDE ANSWERS ASAP. SISCO

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